

Amendments to Claims

1 (Currently amended). A method of using a nonwoven fabric for wiping a surface in a Class 10 or cleaner cleanrooms as determined by FED-STD-209E, comprising the steps of

contacting with the nonwoven fabric a quantity of particle-burdened liquid present on the surface,

removing from the surface by wiping with the nonwoven fabric at least a portion of the quantity of the particle-burdened liquid such that the surface has a number of particles remaining on the surface that is consistent with [a] cleanliness suitable for use in Class 10 or cleaner cleanrooms as determined by FED-STD-209E.

2 (Previously amended). The method of claim 1, wherein the fabric has a dynamic wiping efficiency of at least 89% at a challenge volume of 10 milliliters.

3 (Previously amended). The method of claim 1, wherein the fabric has a dynamic wiping efficiency of at least 70% at a challenge volume representing 130% of the sorptive capacity of the fabric.

4 (Currently amended). The method of claim 1, wherein the fabric has a particle removal efficiency of at least 98% when the quantity of the liquid is at a challenge volume of 10 milliliters and wherein no greater than about 45 particles remain on the surface after wiping.

5 (Currently amended). The method of claim 1, wherein the fabric has a particle removal efficiency of at least 96% when the quantity of the liquid is at a challenge volume representing 130% of the sorptive capacity of the fabric and wherein no greater than about 320 particles remain on the surface after wiping.

6 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein the nonwoven fabric comprises about 42% lyocell and about 58% polyester, by weight.

7 (Original). The method of claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, wherein the nonwoven fabric is made by hydroentangling.

8 (Withdrawn). A wiping material comprising a polyester nonwoven fabric that has been cleanroom laundered.

9 (Withdrawn). The wiping material of claim 8, wherein the nonwoven fabric is hydroentangled.

10 (Withdrawn). The wiping material of claim 8, wherein the fabric has a basis weight of about 102 grams per square meter or greater.

11 (Withdrawn). The wiping material of claim 8, wherein the fabric has a dynamic wiping efficiency of at least 98% at a challenge volume of 10 milliliters.

12 (Withdrawn). The wiping material of claim 8, wherein the fabric has a dynamic wiping efficiency of at least 70% at a challenge volume representing about 130% of the sorptive capacity of the fabric.

13 (Withdrawn). The wiping material of claim 8, wherein the fabric has a particle removal efficiency of at least 99% at a challenge volume of 10 milliliters.

14 (Withdrawn). The wiping material of claim 8, wherein the fabric has a particle removal efficiency of at least 96% at a challenge volume representing 130% of the sorptive capacity of the fabric.

15. (Withdrawn). The wiping material of claim 8, wherein it is adapted for use in Class 10 or cleaner cleanrooms as determined by FED-STD-209E.

16 (Previously added). The method of claim 1, wherein the nonwoven fabric is cleanroom laundered.

17 (Previously added). The method of claim 1, wherein the nonwoven fabric is comprised of fibers selected from the group consisting of polyester, lyocell, and blends of polyester with lyocell.